

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2802

Introduced by Assembly Member Shelley

February 28, 2000

An act to add Section 830.81 to the Penal Code, relating to tribal law enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2802, as introduced, Shelley. Tribal law enforcement: state resources.

Existing federal law recognizes Indian tribal groups as governmental entities with certain sovereign rights. Existing state law provides that designated tribal personnel may be deputized or appointed by a county sheriff as a reserve or auxiliary sheriff or reserve deputy sheriff for general law enforcement purposes as specified, and that tribal law enforcement officers of the Washoe tribe, while not peace officers under California law, may exercise tribal peace officer powers as specified and are exempted from certain firearm laws in the exercise of their duties while on, or while travelling to or from, tribal lands.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation directing state law enforcement entities, including the Department of Justice, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, to provide training, forensics, and other law enforcement resources to the appropriate public safety and law enforcement officers and employees of federally recognized tribal governments in this state, in order to

promote the health, safety, and welfare of all persons on tribal lands in this state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 830.81 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:
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4 legislation directing state law enforcement entities,
5 including the Department of Justice, the Office of
6 Criminal Justice Planning, and the Commission on Peace
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8 forensics, and other law enforcement resources to the
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